Formal Complaint Regarding Disability and Civil Rights Violations in the CNMI

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is **James Wasil**, and I am submitting this formal complaint regarding serious violations of my civil rights and federal program access as a disabled U.S. citizen currently residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Summary of Violations:

Over the past several months, I have been subjected to:

- **Wrongful termination of federally funded disability meal assistance** despite full eligibility
- **Discrimination based on disability and national origin**
- **Denial of housing support** with prejudice
- **Harassment and retaliation** after asserting my rights
- **Neglect and administrative interference** that may endanger my Social Security Disability status

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Personal Background:

I am a 45-year-old stroke survivor living with hemiparesis, aphasia, and speech difficulties. I have limited mobility (partial use of one leg) and only one functioning arm, which makes daily tasks, cooking, and physical independence extremely difficult. I rely on a small set of essential appliances and have no family or local support system. My condition also severely limits my ability to use phones for assistance due to my speech impairment.

Timeline of Events:

- **February 11, 2025**: I was approved by the CNMI Office on Aging for meal services based on my disability. I submitted all required documentation and received support for approximately four months.
- **May 28, 2025**: Susan Satur acting on behalf of the Medicaid office visited me to assist with transitioning Medicaid coverage. During her visit, I expressed appreciation that the Office on Aging was at least providing one meal a day. She made an inappropriate comment suggesting I was not a senior and questioned the legitimacy of my assistance.
- **May 29, 2025 (10:01 AM)**: I received a sudden call from the Office on Aging stating that I was now “ineligible” for all services—including disability assistance—despite no change in my condition or eligibility. The timing and content strongly suggest this was retaliation or influenced by Susan Satur’s call the day after.

- I received an email from someone using either the name Vivian Fleming or Evelyn Fleming (two emails were used inconsistently). I also spoke with Walter at the Office on Aging, who defended this action, despite its blatant illegality and cruelty.
- When I attempted to apply for **housing assistance**, Susan Satur stated I would likely be denied because I was considered a "foreigner" and not a local. She discouraged me from applying. I applied anyway and was told on the phone that Section 8 was "not accepting applications," even though I know this is false. The call was ended abruptly with no explanation.

Ongoing Threats and Harassment:

- I live in a non-Section 8 apartment where I have been falsely accused of damaging appliances, "screaming," and causing problems with the internet—none of which were true.
- A neighbor from the floor above chased me with a knife and was on drugs. I called the police, but due to his veteran status and intoxication. The incident lead to him vacating, but **no arrest was made,** and they would excuse this as "he needed help", but negate the fact that I was on the receiving end of it. I asked them to press charges on this, and the answer I received from Saipan PD police to "let it go". ??
- I now fear for my personal safety and mental health. Worse still, I am worried the interference in my case may affect my **Social Security Disability benefits**, as the local SSA office in Saipan has been unresponsive and disorganized.

Violations Cited:

- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**
- **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** (national origin discrimination)
- **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act**
- **USDA FNS Program Rules** for meal services
- **Fair Housing Act** (disability and national origin protections)
- **CNMI Local Program Oversight Failure**

Requested Action:

1. **Immediate reinstatement** of federally funded meal assistance via the CNMI Office on Aging
2. **Investigation of retaliation** and potential abuse of discretion by Susan Satur and others
3. **Formal review of housing denial** and statements made about my status as a "foreigner"
4. **Oversight into CNMI Office of Aging procedures and case management**

5. **Protection of my Social Security Disability benefits**, ensuring no adverse action results from local neglect or interference
6. **Safe housing referral** and/or relocation protections given threats and disability risks

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Contact Preference:

Due to my aphasia and speech condition, **I request written email correspondence only**. I do not have anyone who can speak on my behalf.

I am available to provide any documentation, medical records, or history upon formal request.

Sincerely,

James Wasil CNMI Resident / Disability Advocate / Survivor